

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 502

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the Reverend Carl R. Resener of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of the Reverend Carl R. Resener; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Resener was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Resener served with acumen and alacrity as Director of the Nashville Rescue Mission for twenty-seven years, in which position he earned the respect of his staff and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong advocate for the homeless, he began his enduring commitment to the Mission and its cause in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Resener briefly left the Mission to establish a new church in East Nashville, promoting the religious values of love and faith in his community, before returning to the Nashville Rescue Mission as its Director in 1970; and

WHEREAS, he launched many new programs through the Nashville Rescue Mission, including a women's recovery ministry and Cold Patrol, a program that reaches out to homeless individuals in freezing temperatures and welcomes them into the warmth and safety of the Mission; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Resener advocated for the homeless in numerous letters to the editor and even protested the relocation of the old General Hospital because it would disadvantage the homeless who would have to walk farther for medical care; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement in 1997, he continued to reach out to his community through volunteerism and education by leading classes on drug and alcohol abuse at the Union Anchor House; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout religious leader, who served the community faithfully for many years and comforted the disadvantaged with hope, love, and human kindness, Reverend Resener was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Laura Pollock Resener, for fifty-six years, and was the proud father of two daughters, grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of two; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his family and friends, Reverend Resener will be greatly missed by the good people of the Nashville Rescue Mission and the entire Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Resener leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the generous life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of the Reverend Carl R. Resener, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of the Reverend Carl R. Resener.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.